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DAVID & CATHIE SANDIFER

with Annabelle (11) and Josiah (9)

Serving the Lord in the Netherlands



'that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life...'
(Phil. 2:15-16 ESV)

Dear friends

We often tend to think of evangelism on the one hand, and holiness on the other, as separate callings of the church. However, another way to think of these is as two aspects of our overarching call to *bear witness* to Christ, both by proclaiming Him and by living lives of obedience to Him. We were reminded of this recently, as evangelical churches close to us struggle with how to practice church discipline in the context of a culture with very different moral norms. Please pray for God to give them both wisdom and courage!

We are thankful for the opportunities which God has opened up for us to serve in churches in our area. At our local church, Cathie has been helping with the oversight of the children's ministry, and we are together leading a home group which meets at our house. In addition, David continues to preach occasionally in area churches. We are also exploring possibilities around one-off seminars, related to areas David teaches in, for churches in the near future.



Visiting and preaching at a Cameroonian Presbyterian church in Antwerp which is pastored by a Tyndale student.

Tyndale Update

Once again, David has been very encouraged by the classes this term, and especially by the response of the students. He has been a bit busier on the administrative front, as the curriculum is being revised, and he is responsible for overseeing changes in his department--this has been quite a long and challenging process, as there are competing aspects to try and balance. It's still in process, so we appreciate your prayers! David has also been asked to serve on a team tasked by the board with defining more clearly Tyndale's position on marriage and related issues. This has come to the fore now, because we are seeing some faculty at evangelical seminaries waffle on Biblical positions--please pray for wisdom on this front! Cathie has enjoyed continuing to build relationships with the female students, especially the new ones this term. She will also be starting to co-supervise a student doing an independent study on marriage and the family, looking particularly at Puritan teachings on the Christian family and home.



Annie and Josiah lifting the trap door of the hiding place at the Corrie ten Boom house in Haarlem.

Family News

We are so thankful that, thanks to some generous gifts, we were able to return to the U.S. briefly for the memorial service for David's dad. It was a very special time to be together in the Lord with family and old friends. We continue to give thanks for the godly inheritance that God has given us through our families--we want to be faithful in carrying the flag forward for the Kingdom of our Lord!



Annabelle and David playing at his father's memorial service.

Give thanks

- For the opportunity to go to Florida for David's dad's memorial service
- For better health for Cathie the last several weeks--thank you for your prayers!
- For opportunities to serve the church in the greater Amsterdam area
- For progress in Dutch--particularly Annie!
- For a renewed sense of joy and confidence in the Lord

Please pray

- For a good conclusion of the term for Tyndale students
- For the continued search for a new president for Tyndale
- For good health for the whole family as we head into the cold, wet winter
- For wisdom for the position statement on marriage that David is helping with

From David, Cathie, Annabelle and Josiah



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